GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:72
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2009
RAILWAY EARNINGS
Suman Shri Ramji Lal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have earned increased revenue through freight charges and passenger fares from April to December in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the amount of the additional revenue so earned;

(c) whether the Railways had divided the said period into peak season and off-season and fixed different freight charges; and

(d) if so, the varied freight charges made applicable at that time and the months treated as peak and off-seasons during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 72 BY SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.2.2009 REGARDING RAILWAY EARNINGS.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The increase in freight and passenger earning from April' 08 to December' 08 as compared to corresponding period of last year is shown as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Particulars	2007-08	2008-09	Increased %age	Revenue	increase
Freight charges	33447.15	38093.29	4646.14	13.89%	
Passenger fares	14440.93	16122.02	1681.09	11.64%	

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. It is a fact that Railways have notified busy season and lean season for the year 2008-09 as given below:

Busy Season 1st April to 30th June and 1st October to 31st March
Lean Season 1st July to 30th September

Uniform base freight rates are levied on all commodities during the year depending upon their Classification.However, additional busy season charge is levied in addition to base freight rates during the busy season as under:

COMMODITIES	RATE OF CHARGE

Coal & Coke 5%

All other commodities 7%

Container nil